



MINUTES

**Virginia Offshore Wind Development Authority Board Meeting
Gayton Public Library
10600 Gayton Rd, Richmond, VA 23238
January 17, 2023, 1pm – 3pm**

Call to Order

Chair Will Fediw called the Virginia Offshore Wind Development Authority (VOWDA) meeting to order at 1:06 pm. Members present: Will Fediw, Chris Gullickson, Ashley McLeod, Kathy Owens, Bryan Stephens, and Eileen Woll. Board members not present: Laura McKay and Jim McArthur. Members attending virtually: Howard Shafferman. Staff present included: Al Christopher, Ken Jurman, Ryan Welsh.

Virtual Participation

Howard Shafferman requested to attend the January 17 VOWDA meeting virtually. Mr. Shafferman notified Chair Will Fediw via email with the reason for this request.

Reason: Mr. Shafferman was more than 60 miles away from the location of the meeting in Richmond, Virginia at the time scheduled meeting time.

A motion was made to use the newly approved bylaws/policy to allow new board member, Howard Shafferman, to attend virtually. First motion was by Will Fediw, seconded by Ashley McLeod and passed unanimously.

Approval of November 9, 2022, Meeting Minutes

The Chair called for a motion to approve the November 9, 2022; minutes as presented. The motion to accept the minutes was made by Kathy Owens, seconded by Chris Gullickson and passed unanimously.

Virginia Energy Plan (VEP) Updates

Al Christopher provided Virginia Energy Plan Execution Updates

VOWDA Annual Plan

Review of VOWDA Chair's letter for the Annual Report.

Virginia Economic Development Plan Update

Deputy Secretary Chelsea Jenkins provided an update to the Virginia Energy Plan, the Strategic Plan Economic Development related to Offshore Wind, and the need for data driven approach to support the development of offshore wind and its supply chain.

CVOW Update

Guest Speaker, G.T. Hollet, Director of Offshore Wind at [Dominion Energy](#), provided the board an overview of the process for the CVOW project and the expected remaining timeline for the CVOW1 project. A copy of his presentation will be available on the [VOWDA website](#).

Industry Updates

Guest Speaker, [Matt Smith](#), Director, Energy & Water Technology at [Hampton Roads Alliance](#), provided the board an overview of the current state of the Hampton roads area and its readiness for offshore wind projects and steps it can take to secure its position as a central hub for offshore wind component production.

Industry Updates

Members of the board gave industry updates.

Work Plan

Discussion of the 2023 work plan as well as working groups to tackle the 2022 Annual Report recommendations, tasks divided and assigned. Delegation of working group tasks

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Chair Will Fediw adjourned the meeting at 3:02 pm.